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1. Before the MGB and the MVD were combined into a single ministry, there was an MGB Special Section (Osobyi Otdel MGB) attached to each MVD administration at the GULAG camps containing political prisoners. These sections were definitely not subordinated to the MVD, but directly to the MGB, and had as their primary duty the supervision of informants among the political prisoners.
2. Special Sections were operating in 13 to 15 political prisoner camps in the USSR, among them being one at Vorkuta, one at Murmansk, one or more in Central Asia, one at Magadan, one or more to the north of Novosibirsk, two or three in the Karelo-Finnish Republic, and one in the Northern Caucasus, somewhere northwest of the Caspian Sea.
3. Although these camps had at one time been referred to by geographical location, they were subsequently redesignated as numbered Special Camps without any indication of their location in the new designation. The MGB Special Sections were simultaneously redesignated as "MGB Section, Special Camp No. ____"; and later, after the MGB-MVD consolidation, as "MVD Section, Special Camp No. ____". Correspondence was addressed to: "Chief, MVD Section, Special Camp No. ____."
4. Special Sections were found only in political prisoner camps and not in camps where non-political offenders were incarcerated. GULAG maintained its own special sections at non-political camps, for the purpose of obtaining information on routine matters bearing on internal camp conditions and of uncovering escape plots.

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